STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING 1594 West North Temple Suite 1210

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ANNUAL REPORT OF MINING OPERATIONS

The informational requirements of this form are based on provisions of the Mined Land Reclamation Act, Title 40-8, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, and the General Rules as promulgated under the Utah Minerals Regulatory Program. An operator conducting mining operations under a Notice of Intention must file an annual operations and progress report (FORM MR-AR) with the Division.

I.	<u>Gene</u>	General Information		
	1.	Report Time Period: From (mo./yr.) 1-1-97 To (mo./yr.) 12-3/-97		
	2.	DOGM File Number (Mine No): M 1041 / 019		
	3.	Mine Name: Bentonite Pit		
	4.	Mineral(s) Mined (or permitted to mine): Bentonite		
	5.	Type of mine		
	6.	Legal Description (Location of Lands Affected):		
		1/4,1/4,1/4, Section, Township, Range		
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7.	Name of Operator or Company: Western Clay Company			
	8.	Permanent Street Address: 508 E. Center		
		City, State, Zip: Anrora, UT 84620-6127		
		Phone: 435-529-3281		
_	9.	Company Representative (or designated operator):		
		Name: Fred D. Mortenson		
		Title: President		
		Business Address: 508 E. Cruter		
		City, State, Zip: #11000, NT 84620-0127		
		Phone: 435-521-3981		
		Please check if any of the above information has changed since previous year.		
II.	<u>Minii</u>	ng and Reclamation		
	1.	Was the mine active during the past year? Yes ✓ No □		
	2.	If active, how much ore or mineral was mined? 12, 343 tons		
	3.	If inactive, what year was the mine last active?		
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	3	How much additional acreage was disturbed during the past year? None
	4	Briefly describe any new or additional surface disturbances that occurred during the past year. This description should include the type of work performed, and volume of material moved.
	5.	How much acreage was reclaimed during the past year? None
	6.	Briefly describe the reclamation work performed during the past year. This description should include methods employed, and an evaluation of the results.
	7.	What is the total disturbed acreage at years end? Same As Last Year
	8.	Briefly summarize any mining and/or reclamation plans for the upcoming year.
NOTE:		Section III., "Additional Information" applies only to large mining operations.
III. <u>Add</u>	<u>litional</u>	Information
	1.	An updated surface facilities map should be attached if there have been significant changes since the previous may was submitted.
	2.	Any monitoring results or other reports that are required under the terms of the approved notice of intention should also be attached.
IV. Sign	<u>nature</u>	Requirement
	I here	by certify that the foregoing is true and correct.
		Name (Typed or Print): Fred D. Wortengen
		Title of Operator: President
		Signature of Operator: Fred D. Mortensen
		Date: 1-20-98
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